

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 10 (Canceled)

11. (New) A cosmetic preparation containing a metal-effect pigment consisting of a metal substrate having a layer encapsulating the substrate produced in the sol-gel process, providing a barrier effect with respect to sweat and saliva and preventing direct contact between the human body and the metallic substrate, said metal pigment being water-wettable.

12. (New) A cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein it is available in the form of a creme, a lotion, an eye shadow, a lipstick, a mascara, a gel, a make-up formulation, or a self-tanning creme or lotion.

13. (New) A cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the layer encapsulating the substrate consists of SiO<sub>2</sub>.

14. (New) A cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein it imparts a uniform optical impression of the skin without changing the color of the skin.

15. (New) A cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein it evens out or covers up skin impurities.

16. (New) A cosmetic preparation according to claims 11, wherein it contains a percentage of 0.2% to 40%, preferably of 0.2% to 10%, and particularly preferably of 0.2% to 5% metal pigment.

17. (New) A cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein it is a nail polish.

18. (New) A cosmetic preparation according to claim 17, wherein it is based on nitrocellulose.

19. (New) A cosmetic preparation according to any of the above claims, wherein it additionally contains benzotriazoles.

20. (New) A cosmetic preparation according to any of the above claims, wherein the silica particles generating the coating of the metal pigment have an average diameter of < 100 nm and the preparation feels accordingly smooth in its application.